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(claiming priority of French Appln. No. FR 00 03954, filed March 29, 2000)

Filed: (on even date herewith)

For: **PULVERULENT MANNITOL AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING IT**

CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A formal claim for the benefit of priority of the filing date of March 29, 2000 of prior French Patent Application No. FR 00 03954, referred to in the Declaration and Power of Attorney document as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.63, is hereby requested for the above-identified application.

A certified copy of the priority document is being submitted herewith.

Acknowledgment of this Claim of Priority and the receipt of the certified copy of the priority document by the Examiner and/or the Office in the next official communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, is respectfully requested.

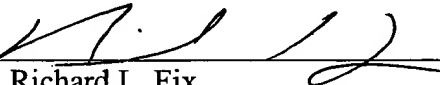
Respectfully submitted,

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